

REMARKS

Objections and 35 U.S.C. § 112

The amendments filed herewith cure the objections and § 112 rejection of the claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The obviousness rejection relies on US Patent No. 5,442,553 to Parillo. In particular, at the top of page 4, the office action references column 5, lines 14-16 as disclosing the pending claim recitation of a "second data set being associated with a pre-service life design change in the associated individual agricultural, construction or forestry machine.", *see* claim 28, lines 9-11. The Parillo reference at column 5, line 14 says "as an example, the history of the engine timing is received at a remote station [computer] 12 and reviewed and analyzed." This statement in the reference does not refer to the central computer sending timing history to the remote computer, but rather to the vehicle sending timing history to the remote computer. At column 4, line 30 the microcomputer of Figure 2 is described. At column 4, line 51 the reference describes "the timing information, or history, is stored in memory 27 by microprocessor 25." This memory and microprocessor are disclosed in Figure 2 which is a block diagram of the "vehicular portion". This microcomputer is in the vehicle. It is not the central or base computer.

The only communication between the remote station and the central computer in the Parillo reference discernible to the applicant is the reporting of statistical information, such as number of repairs needed for a particular part, from the remote station to the base

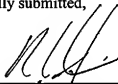
station. "Information is then used by the manufacturer to determine if a particular problem is generic to a specific model." See column 5, lines 31-46. The reference goes on to say that a recall notice can be issued.

However, this does not teach, suggest or motivate the transmission of data from the central computer to a remote computer for executing a particular repair. The transmission from the central computer to the remote computer of a repair plan is not taught suggested or motivated. Modification of a stored repair plan according to a pre-service life design change is not taught, suggested or motivated in the reference. Modification of a repair plan according to a service life history is not taught, suggested or motivated by the reference. The pending claims recite all three.

New method claim 49 is submitted per suggestion during the interview.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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